

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of GEORGE LONDON LANIER and
JUSTIN JOHN LANIER, Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

v

ANGELA LENORA LANIER,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

DARRYL WILLIAMS and TOMMY HOUSTON,

Respondents.

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No. 212361

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 96-341604

Before: Whitbeck, P.J., and Gribbs and White, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the family court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm. This case is being decided without oral argument pursuant to MCR 7.214(E).

The family court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Miller*, 433 Mich 331, 337; 445 NW2d 161 (1989). Given respondent-appellant's failure to overcome her long-standing drug addiction, and failure to benefit from the services provided, it was not reasonably likely that respondent-appellant would be able to provide proper care and custody for the children within a reasonable period of time, considering their ages. Further, respondent-appellant failed to show that termination of her

parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); MSA 27.3178(598.19b)(5); *In re Hall-Smith*, 222 Mich App 470, 472-473; 564 NW2d 156 (1997). Thus, the family court did not err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the children. *Id.*

Affirmed.

/s/ William C. Whitbeck

/s/ Roman S. Gibbs

/s/ Helene N. White